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SUBJECT: FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC
DRUGS: AGENDA ITEM 8: UNFDAC REPORT

1. SUMMARY: THIS SESSION'S PLEDGES TO UNFDAC'S GENERAL FUND (\$3.76 MILLION) COVER ONLY ABOUT HALF ITS PROJECTED EXPENDITURES. FUND HOPES THE GAP WILL BE COVERED, PARTLY BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS, BUT STATEMENTS OF MAJOR POTENTIAL DONORS INDICATE THEY WILL MAKE SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY AS REQUESTS ARE RECEIVED FROM RECIPIENT COUNTRIES FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. CND MEMBERS NOTED SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN FUND'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND REPORTING PROCEDURES, WELCOMING PARTICULARLY THE EVALUATION OF THE CENTRAL TRAINING UNIT BY WASHINGTON'S INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND HOPED TO SEE MORE HUCH EVALUATIONS OF UNFDAC ACTIVITIES BY OUTSIDERS. THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR PERIODIC INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THROUGH EXISTING CHANNELS AT GENEVA AS THE MOST "PRAGMATIC AND INEXPENSIVE" MEANS OF KEEPING INTERESTED COUNTRIES INFORMED OF THE FUNDS ACTIVITIES AND THE FUND INFORMED OF THEIR CONCERNS. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN INTRODUCING THE FUND'S REPORT, ACTING DIRECTOR STRESSED THE CRUCIAL NEED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AT THIS STAGE, WITH THE HELMAND VALLEY PROJECT IN AFGHANISTAN READY TO BE LAUNCHED--IF SUPPORT IS FORTHCOMING--AND WITH SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR REQUIRED FOR THE THAI AND AFGHAN PROGRAMS ALONE.

3. SWEDEN ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION AGAIN TO AUTHORIZE 2.3 MILLION KRONER (US \$470,000) FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS RECOMMENDED TO IT BY THE FUND (IN ADDITION TO REPEATING ITS "NON-EARMARKED" ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF 200,000 KRONER (US \$41,000). WHILE THERE WAS PRAISE FOR THE "NORDIC EXAMPLE" (WITH REFERENCE ALSO TO NORWAY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNFDAC/BURMA PROGRAM), NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS WERE ANNOUNCED.

4. CANADA'S DELEGATE STRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S READINESS TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR AID IN DRUG CONTROL. THE UK WOULD CONSIDER FUNDING FROM DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS ANY PROJECT MEETING "NORMAL" CRITERIA. THE FRG DELEGATE SAID THE USE OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR DRUG CONTROL PROJECTS WAS A MATTER FOR THE RECIPIENTS TO DECIDE BASED ON THEIR PRIORITIES.

5. THE US DELEGATE, IN STATEMENT ANNOUNCING \$3 MILLION CONTRIBUTION, CALLED ON FUND TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO PROVISION OF STAFF WITH DEVELOPMENT EXPERTISE. SHE ALSO SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CONGRESS, DEPENDING ON THE FUND'S PROGRESS AND SUCCESS IN FURTHER BROADENING ITS FINANCIAL BASE.

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6. DND REPORTED ON THE EVALUATION OF CENTRAL TRAINING UNIT BY THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. WHILE GENERALLY FAVORABLE THE EVALUATION REVEALED LACUNAE, AND SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF TRANSFERRING MAJOR PART OF THE TRAINING FUNCTION FROM GENEVA TO THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. THIS EVALUATION WAS APPLAUDED, AND EVALUATIONS OF OTHER UNFDAC-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES, PREFERABLY BY SUCH OUTSIDE EVALUATORS, WERE CALLED FOR. THE UK DELEGATE URGED CONTINUING VIGILANCE TO KEEP THE FUND FROM BECOMING ANOTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCY. OTHER DELEGATES ALSO REITERATED STRESS ON NEED FOR UNFDAC TO TURN PROJECTS OVER TO GOVERNMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION ONCE PILOT STAGE IS PAST.

7. DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR MACHINERY TO PROVIDE CND GUIDELINES TO THE FUND (E/CN.7/611ADD2) REVEALED A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG CONCERNED COUNTRIES THROUGH EXISTING MACHINERY AT GENEVA, RATHER THAN SOME SPECIAL MECHANISM, EVEN THOUGH (AS YUGOSLAV POINTED OUT) SOME COUNTRIES HAVE NO DRUG EXPERT ASSIGNED TO THEIR MISSIONS IN GENEVA. SEVERAL DELEGATES, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN AND THE SOVIET, STRESSED THE NEED TO KEEP THE MACHINERY PRACTICAL,

INEXPENSIVE, AND PRAGMATIC.

8. THE MOST SPECIFIC IDEAS ON THE CONDUCT OF THE CONSULTATIONS WERE THOSE OF THE FRG AND THE UK DELEGATES. THE FRG DELEGATE SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST CONSULTATION TAKE PLACE IN MAY, 1978, WHEN THE FINAL BUDGET SHOULD BE READY, AND A SECOND CONSULTATION IN AUGUST, 1978. THE UK DELEGATE SUGGESTED THAT THE FUND SHOULD PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS IN THESE CONSULTATIONS WITH A LIST OF PROJECTS TOGETHER WITH PROVISIONAL PRIORITIES AND ASSUMPTIONS--PESSIMISTIC AND OPTIMISTIC--REGARDING FUNDING.

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9. ALL SPEAKERS PRAISED THE FUND'S REPORT AND WARMLY WELCOMED THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. REXED AS ITS NEW DIRECTOR. VANDEN HEUVEL

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